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SUBJECT: CHILEAN GOVERNMENT REACTION TO NYTIMES AND WASH POST
ARTICLES

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1. WE LEARNED JULY 30 THAT GOC HAD REACTED VERY BADLY
TO JONATHAN KANDELL'S JULY 27 NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE
HEADLINED "CHILE'S POLITICAL PRISONERS ARE PUT AT 6,000
NEARLY YEAR AFTER COUP." WE HEARD THAT GOVERNMENT WAS ON
VERGE OF WITHHOLDING KANDELL'S PRESS ACCREDITATION.

2. I TOOK OCCASION OF JULY 30 CEREMONY FOR VISITING SOUTH KOREAN
CULTURAL MINISTER TO RAISE MATTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
CARVAJAL. TOLD HIM THAT WHILE I COULD UNDERSTAND NEGATIVE
REACTION BY GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL, ARTICLE SEEMED TO ME
BASICALLY DESCRIPTIVE OF FACTS WHICH EXISTED. SPEAKING
PERSONALLY, I SUGGESTED TO FOREIGN MINISTER THAT IT WOULD
BE HIGHLY UNFORTUNATE FOR CHILE IF IT WERE TO TAKE
RETALIATORY ACTION AGAINST CORRESPONDENT OF A LEADING
US NEWSPAPER FOR THIS TYPE OF REPORTING. I SAID I
HOPED FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD CONVEY MY PERSONAL VIEWS
TO JUNTA.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, HAVING HEARD OF GOVERNMENT'S
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DISSATISFACTION WITH JOSEPH NOVITSKI'S ARTICLE IN

JULY 25 WASHINGTON POST (WHICH WE HAVE NOT SEEN), I
TELEPHONED FONMIN TO MAKE SAME POINT IN NOVITSKI'S
BEHALF.

4. CARVAJAL SAID THAT PERSONALLY HE AGREED WITH ME
AND WOULD PASS MY VIEWS ALONG.
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